

**Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study
Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2015**

In attendance:

Scott Reigle	BMTS
Aviv Kleinman	BMTS Intern
Carlos Basualdo	NYSDOT Region 9

Convene 1:35 p.m.

January 12th Minutes –accepted as is.

Topic	Discussion	Action
Snack & Needs Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aviv brought up the dangerous situation for pedestrians, mainly BU students, near and at the intersection of Oxford Place, Plaza Dr., and Country Club Road. Many pedestrians are walking in this area from the Hayes Apartment complexes to and from the Murray Hill Rd. area, especially many jewish students that are attending Friday evening events at the Chabad House on Murray Hill Road. Motorists, including buses, speed though the roadway and many motorists don't come to a complete stop and the intersection when traveling south on Plaza Drive. There are sight distance problems, poor lighting, and no sidewalks. - It was recommended that Aviv draft a letter with a petition, and for groups like the Chabad house to write a letter detailing the unsafe conditions, with both being submitted to the Town of Vestal and the BU Transportation Committee. 	Aviv will draft a letter and Scott will provide assistance.
Newspaper Articles	- Nothing in addition to the Article Digest	
Report: Broome-Tioga Rideshare/Get There	- No report	
Subcommittee- Cycling Skills Clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteers needed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUNY Broome Children's Fair: 10am – 2pm on Saturday, April 18 • JC Bike Day – Saturday, May 9 	Email Scott if interested in volunteering
Subcommittee- Binghamton Bridge Pedal/ Input for 2015	- Planning meeting to be scheduled for early March.	Email Scott any suggestions for improving this event.
Subcommittee- Safe Route to School/Complete Streets –	- Scott & Mark Bowers (NYSDOT Reg. 9 Ped./Bike Coordinator) will participate in a meeting (at end of February or beginning of March) with the Chenango Valley School officials, Patrick Latting (BCDPW), and Christine Muss to discuss pedestrian & bicycle safety improvements on River Rd. for the Chenango Bridge Elementary School.	
Projects & Safety Issues-	- As a reminder, this project is focused on working with municipalities to develop a	

BMTS Complete Streets Project	complete streets policy and uniform design guide for all types of road projects. A subcommittee has been formed from the BMTS Planning Committee with different area representatives. This subcommittee will provide input and advise BMTS staff in the creation of the complete streets policy & design guide. The subcommittee will be having a kick-off meeting at the end of February.	
Front St. Trail	- Discussion took place on design options that NYSDOT is considering. The trail will likely be 14 feet wide, with a 2 foot area between the trail and the jersey-type barrier that will provide separation from the motorist travel lanes. The Committee favors installation of benches on the riverside, along the trail. It was also recommended that if railing along the riverbank is needed, that it should be a simple design that blends into the landscape and not “over-engineered”. It was also suggested to look into the possibility of children & families to work on decorating the riverside part of the jersey barrier	
BMTS Bike Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scott reported that the draft Bike Plan is done and posted on www.bmtsonline.com. Comments are requested and due by February 20th. - BMTS will seek approval of the Bike Plan by the Policy Committee on March 5th. - Aviv commented that the Erie Canal Trail impacts figure should say “positive impacts” rather than just “impacts”. 	Committee members to review the Bike Plan and send Scott comments by February 20th.
Other-	- Carlos reminded the Committee of the planned repaving of Bevier St at Front St., and from Chenango St. to Broad Ave. as a part of the Prospect Mt. project. It is an opportunity for making pedestrian and bicycle improvements along the corridor.	

Adjourn: 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 9 at 1:30 p.m.